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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Bishop Jerry Hutchins, Timothy Baptist Church, Athens, Georgia, offered the following prayer:

Our Father in Heaven, we humbly approach Your throne today.

Your servant Solomon prayed, "Give me an understanding mind so that I can govern Your people well and know the difference between right and wrong; for who, by himself, is able to govern this great nation of Yours?"

You responded to Solomon, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing My people and have not asked for a long life or riches for yourself or for the death of your enemies, I will give you what you have asked for. I will give you a wise and understanding mind such as no one else has ever had or ever will have."

Our prayer today, O God, is that You grant these men and women wisdom to govern this great Nation. May Your wisdom guide every decision and You be glorified. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide us in Your wisdom.

In His name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING BISHOP JERRY HUTCHINS

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. All of us are influenced by the people around us, people who come into our lives. Our guest pastor today, Bishop Jerry Hutchins, is one of those warriors who has tremendously influenced me and the people of Athens, Georgia. He is a warrior for righteousness, a warrior to establish the Kingdom here on Earth as our Lord Jesus Christ has charged us to do. He is a great friend; he is a great pastor, and I'm honored to have him here today as our guest pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois).

The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

DEATH OF U.S. CONSULATE STAFF

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, last weekend a tragedy sent shock waves through the U.S. and Mexico when three U.S. consulate employees and their family were brutally murdered in Mexico by the drug cartels. They were all headed home from a birthday party when gunmen opened fire on the car of Lesley Enriquez, an employee of the U.S. consulate and her husband. Their 7-month-old infant, crying in the back seat, was miraculously unharmed. Minutes later, Jorge Salcido, husband of a consulate

employee, was shot to death. His two young children suffered serious injuries in the back seat of the car.

This is the latest in the string of attacks on innocent American and Mexican citizens, including Bobby Salcedo, an elected official and rising star from my district in El Monte, California, who was recently murdered in a shocking execution in Durango, Mexico.

The murderers of these employees and of Bobby Salcedo must be brought to justice and the U.S. must renew and increase efforts to help Mexico bring an end to the terror of the drug cartels. This violence must be stopped.

THE MONOPOLY OF GOVERNMENT

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when I traveled to the old Soviet Union in the 1980s, nobody walked around smiling or joking or laughing. It was all gloom, doom, and despair.

Living under government tyranny destroys the human spirit, the mind, the soul, and the body. The monopoly of government kills off the notion of individuality. Bureaucracies have an insensitive cookie-cutter solution for everything. It's the same with government-run health care.

Thomas Jefferson was a visionary. He talked about government-run health care. He said, "If the government decides what foods people eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as are the souls of those who live under tyranny."

Government-run health care pushes us down the road to "we the subjects" instead of "we the people." Instead of us controlling government, government controls us. That's what tyranny is.

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